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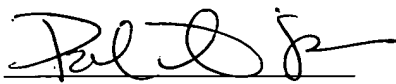
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The information is in the form of references which have been cited in an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office.

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